

Problems

LO5. Solve the following.

- (a) Provide the instructions of a URM program that computes the predicate function $f(x, y) = (x > y)$. For example, $f(5, 3) = 1$, while $f(3, 3) = f(4, 7) = 0$.

Solution.

1: J(1, 2, 6)
 2: J(1, 3, 6)
 3: J(2, 3, 8)
 4: S(3)
 5: J(1, 1, 2)
 6: Z(1)
 7: J(1, 1, 10)
 8: Z(1)
 9: S(1)

- (b) Describe the role each register plays in computing $f(x, y)$.

Solution. R_1 holds x , R_2 holds y , and R_3 counts upwards from 0. Assuming $x \neq y$, if R_3 first equals R_2 , then $x > y$. Otherwise, $x < y$.

LO6. Solve the following problems.

- (a) Provide the URM program P whose Gödel number equals

$$2^{26} + 2^{48} + 2^{96} + 2^{113} - 1.$$

Show all work.

Solution.

$B(I_1) = 26 \Rightarrow$ Transfer since $26 \bmod 4 = 2$
 $(26-2)/4 = 6$. $6+1=7 = 2^0 (2)(3)+1 \Rightarrow T(1,4)$

$B(I_2) = 48-26-1 = 21$. $21 \bmod 4 = 1 \Rightarrow S(i)$
 $(21-1)/4 = 5 \Rightarrow i=6 \Rightarrow S(6)$

$B(I_3) = 96-48-1 = 47$. $47 \bmod 4 = 3 \Rightarrow J(i,j,k)$
 $(47-3)/4 = 11$ $11+1=12 = 2^2 (2)(1)+1$
 $2+1=3 = 2^0 (2)(1)+1 \Rightarrow J(2,1,2)$

$B(I_4) = 113-96-1 = 16$ $16/4 = 4 \Rightarrow Z(5)$
 $P = T(1,4), S(6), J(2,1,2), Z(5)$

- (b) A universal program P_U is simulating a program that has 286 instructions and whose Gödel number is

$$x = 2^3 + 2^{179} + 2^{192} + 2^{215} + 2^{223} + 2^{275} + \dots + 2^{c_{286}} - 1.$$

If the current configuration of the computation of P_x on some input has encoding

$$\sigma = 2^2 + 2^6 + 2^8 + 2^{15} + 2^{19} - 1,$$

then provide the next configuration of the computation *and* its encoding.

Solution. $C = (2, 3, 1, 6, 3)$ $PC = 3$

$$B(I_3) = 192 - 179 - 1 = 12. \quad 12 / 4 = 3 \Rightarrow Z(4)$$

$$C_{next} = (2, 3, 1, 0, 4) \quad \uparrow(C_{next}) = 2^2 + 2^6 + 2^8 + 2^9 + 2^{15} - 1$$

LO7. Answer the following.

- (a) Describe what it means to be a positive instance of the **Self Accept** decision problem.
Solution. See Section 5 of the Undecidability and the Diagonalization Method lecture.
- (b) In applying the diagonalization method towards proving the undecidability of **Self Accept**, we defined a computable function $g(x)$ in terms of $f(x)$, where $f(x)$ is the decision function for **Self Accept**, which we assume to be total computable. Provide the formula for computing $g(x)$ and describe what needs to be established about $g(x)$ in order for the diagonalization method to be successful.
Solution. See Section 5 of the Undecidability and the Diagonalization Method lecture.
- (c) Suppose URM program P_{1269} computes $\phi_{1269}(x)$ and that

$$\phi_{1269}(x) = x \bmod 2.$$

What is the value of $g(1269)$ and how does this prove that $g \neq \phi(1269)$? Defend your answer

Solution. Since $\phi_{1269}(1269) = 1269 \bmod 2 = 1$, it follows that $g(1269) = \uparrow \neq \phi_{1269}(1269)$, and so $g \neq \phi_{1269}$.

LO8. An instance of the decision problem **Thousand-Plus Range** is a Gödel number x , and the problem is to decide if function ϕ_x has a non-empty range and whose range members have a value of at least 1000. Consider the function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \phi_x \text{ has a thousand-plus range} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Evaluate $g(x)$ for each of the following Gödel number's x . Note: 2 out of 3 correct is considered passing. **Justify your answers.**

i. $x = e_1$, where e_1 is the Gödel number of the program that computes the function $\phi_{e_1}(y) = 4000y^2 + 300y$.

Solution. $g(e_1) = 0$ since $\phi_{e_1}(0) = 0 < 1000$.

ii. $x = e_2$, where e_2 is the Gödel number of the program that computes the function $\phi_{e_2}(y) = 1459$.

Solution. $g(e_2) = 1$ since $\phi_{e_2}(y) = 1459 > 1000$, for all $y \geq 0$.

iii. $x = e_3$, where e_3 is the Gödel number of the program that computes the function $\phi_{e_3}(y) = 2^{2^{4(y+1)}}$.

Solution. $g(e_3) = 1$ since $\phi_{e_3}(y)$ is an increasing function, and

$$\phi_{e_3}(0) = 2^{2^4} = 2^{16} > 2^{10} = 1024 > 1000.$$

(b) Prove that $g(x)$ is not URM computable. In other words, there is no URM program that, on input x , always halts and either outputs 1 or 0, depending on whether or not ϕ_x has a thousand-plus range. Do this by writing a program P that uses g and makes use of the **self** programming construct. Then use a proof by cases to show that P creates a contradiction.

Solution. Program P is shown below.

Input y .

If $g(\mathbf{self}) = 1$, then return 0.

Else $//g(\mathbf{self}) = 0$

Return 1000.

Let e denote the Gödel number of P .

Case 1: $g(e) = 1$. Then P has the thousand-plus range property but outputs 0 for every input, a contradiction.

Case 2: $g(e) = 0$. Then P does not have the thousand-plus range property but outputs 1000 for every input, a contradiction.

Therefore, **Thousand-Plus Range** must be undecidable since assuming otherwise leads to a contradiction.

LO9. Solve the following.

(a) Provide the state diagram for a DFA M that accepts all binary words having an even number of 0's *and* does *not* contain the subword 101. Hint: make sure that, for each state of M , you are able to describe the current status of *both* properties in relation to being in that state.

(b) Show the computation of M on inputs i) $w_1 = 1100100$ and ii) $w_2 = 0110100$.

